

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

BRENDAN WARD MASONRY, INC.,

Plaintiff

CIVIL NO. 07-cv-00751 (GMS)

v.

WU & ASSOCIATES, INC.,

Defendant/Counterclaimant.

**REPLY BRIEF OF DEFENDANT/COUNTERCLAIMANT
IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION TO
AMEND COUNTERCLAIM**

DEFENDANT/COUNTERCLAIMANT WU SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO AMEND ITS COUNTERCLAIM BECAUSE THE STIPULATION DISMISSING THE 2004 NEW JERSEY ACTION EXPRESSLY PROVIDED THAT BOTH WU AND BRENDAN WARD WOULD BE ENTITLED TO PURSUE THEIR CLAIMS IN ANOTHER FORUM

Plaintiff, Brendan Ward Masonry, Inc. (“Ward”), is still attempting to prevent defendant/counterclaimant, Wu & Associates, Inc. (“Wu”), from asserting its claims in any forum. Ward tried the same tactic recently in New Jersey Superior Court, and on April 25, 2008, Judge Meloni of that court reinstated Wu’s Complaint, once he realized that Ward was attempting to dismiss Wu’s Counterclaim in this case based upon Judge Meloni’s prior ruling dismissing Wu’s 2007 New Jersey Complaint. Despite this ruling, Ward now opposes Wu’s Motion to Amend its Counterclaim, arguing that, since Wu dismissed its 2004 New Jersey action with prejudice, it cannot now assert any claims against Ward and its bonding company, International Fidelity Insurance Company, in this case. The fundamental flaw in this argument is that the Stipulation of Dismissal that was filed in the 2004 New Jersey case states as follows:

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2. Defendant, International Fidelity Insurance Company, will be joined as Respondent in the Arbitration and shall be bound by all decisions rendered in the Arbitration and by any court in which the Arbitration Decision is confirmed;
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4. In executing this stipulation, neither party is waiving or releasing any claims, defenses or rights it may have with regard to the project or matters at issue in this action.

(See copy of Stipulation of Dismissal and cover letter from Ward’s counsel at the time, attached to the annexed Affidavit of Sean T. O’Meara, Esquire as Exhibit “A”.) Interestingly, in its Brief opposing this motion, Ward makes no mention whatsoever of the fact that the 2004 New Jersey

case was dismissed with the express understanding that all claims by the parties would be resolved in Arbitration.

As noted previously, Judge Meloni from the New Jersey Superior Court recently reversed his prior decision from December 2007 dismissing Wu's Complaint because he concluded that the Stipulation Dismissal, despite being with prejudice, specifically reserved all claims of the parties and anticipated that they would be litigated elsewhere, and he previously thought that Wu's claims were being adjudicated in Delaware. See Transcript attached to the annexed O'Meara Affidavit as Exhibit "B", 3:11-5:3; 10:20-11:3. When Judge Meloni became aware that Ward was attempting to use his decision dismissing the 2007 New Jersey Complaint to prevent Wu from asserting its claims in this court, he reversed his decision, and reinstated Wu's 2007 Complaint. If Judge Meloni had believed that the 2004 Stipulation of Dismissal was an adjudication of the merits of Wu's claims, he obviously would not have reinstated the 2007 Complaint.

As Wu explained to Judge Meloni at the April 25, 2008 hearing, it is not Wu's intention to pursue claims in two courts. Rather, once this Court has ruled that Wu may assert its claims against Ward and International Fidelity in this case, Wu will dismiss its New Jersey litigation entirely.

It is also noteworthy that, when Ward dismissed the first case it filed in this court, Civil Action No. 04-117(KAJ), the Stipulation of Dismissal it filed with the Court in 2004 contained the identical language to the dismissal of the 2004 New Jersey case. (See cover note from Ward's counsel dated May 25, 2004 with proposed Stipulation of Dismissal, which Wu understands was filed with the Court), a copy of which is attached to the annexed O'Meara Affidavit as Exhibit "C".

In conclusion, the doctrine of res judicata prevents a party from re-litigating a matter which has already been considered on the merits and finally decided. See e.g., Gregory v. Chehi, 843 F.2d 111, 116 (3d Cir. 1988). In this case, it is abundantly clear that when the parties dismissed the 2004 New Jersey action, they reserved all rights and fully intended to have each of their claims decided in Arbitration. Since Ward was not happy with the arbitrators selected by AAA, it chose to refile its claim to this Court, and Wu is amenable to having all claims decided in this Court. Accordingly, Wu should be entitled to assert its claims against both Ward and its bonding company, and its Motion to Amend the Counterclaim should be granted. As Judge Meloni noted, it would highly unfair for Ward to be able to have its claims decided in this Court, but Wu would not be entitled to have its claims heard here as well.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SEAN T. O'MEARA IN
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1. I am a member of the firm of Archer & Greiner, a Professional Corporation and I am personally responsible for the handling of this matter on behalf of defendant/counterclaimant Wu & Associates, Inc.

2. Attached hereto are true and correct copies of various documents generated in litigation between Wu & Associates and Brendan Ward Masonry, Inc.



Sean T. O'Meara

Sworn and subscribed to
before me on this 17th day
of June, 2008



Linda S. Gallo
Notary Public

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Notary Public of New Jersey
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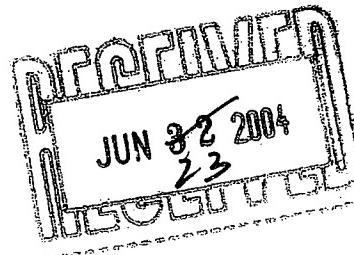
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**RE: Wu & Associates, Inc. v. Brendan Ward Masonry, Inc. and
International Fidelity Insurance Company,**
Docket No. CAM-L-2425-04

Dear Mr. Milligan:

This will confirm that International Fidelity Insurance Company has agreed to join the arbitration pending before the American Arbitration Association. Therefore, I have prepared the enclosed Stipulation of Dismissal to be filed in this action. Please sign the stipulation and file it with the Court.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

ROBERT D. ARDIZZI

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Enclosure

cc: Brendan Ward Masonry, Inc. (via first class mail)

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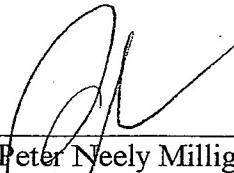
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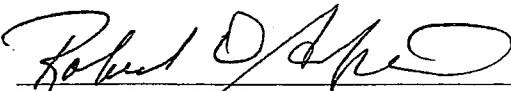
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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION, CIVIL PART
CAMDEN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. CAM-L-5245-07

WU & ASSOCIATES, INC.,)
Plaintiffs,)
vs.) TRANSCRIPT
BRENDAN WARD MASONRY, INC.)
and INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY)
INSURANCE CO.,) OF
Defendant.) MOTION

Place: Camden County Hall of Justice
101 S. Fifth St.
Camden, New Jersey 08103-4001

Date: April 25, 2008

BEFORE:

HONORABLE LOUIS R. MELONI, J.S.C.

TRANSCRIPT ORDERED BY:

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Hilser, P.C.)

APPEARANCES:

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14 THE COURT: Decision 13
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The Court - Colloquy

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1 THE COURT: This is the matter of Wu
2 Associates v. Ward Masonry under Docket L-5245-07.
3 Counsel, will you enter your appearances?

4 MR. O'MEARA: Good Morning, Your Honor. Sean
5 O'Meara, Archer & Greiner, on behalf of the plaintiff
6 Wu and Associates.

7 MR. HILSER: Good Morning, Your Honor. John
8 Hilser on behalf of -- DeVlieger Hilser here for the
9 defendants, Brendan Ward Masonry, Inc. and
10 International Fidelity.

11 THE COURT: In this matter the plaintiff, I
12 guess, makes a motion for this Court to vacate a prior
13 order of this Court dismissing plaintiff's complaint.
14 Basically plaintiff argues that there was a
15 misrepresentation made by -- or several
16 misrepresentations made by defendant which caused this
17 Court to, in fact, dismiss the case and to dismiss it
18 with prejudice so that it is being used against the
19 plaintiff in a similar matter pending in the federal
20 court in Delaware.

21 Plaintiff -- or defendant responds that there
22 were no misrepresentations made to this Court and that
23 the Court did dismiss it with prejudice and that the
24 Court dismissed an identical action with prejudice in
25 2004.

The Court - Colloquy

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1 Now as I read the stipulation from the 2004
 2 case it was with prejudice but all parties retained all
 3 claims. I guess -- several questions come to my mind.
 4 First, was it the -- was this, in fact, a conditional
 5 dismissal with prejudice when -- I mean how do you
 6 dismiss with prejudice if we retain all claims.
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8 And secondly, with regard to the action I
 9 took in December of 2007, what was the effect of that
 10 action and why did I take it? Well, each of you kind
 11 of argue what you think that I mean or understood, but
 12 frankly, I understood that -- and it's borne out from
 13 my comment in the transcript that I thought this case
 14 was, in fact, redundant, and I thought all the claims
 15 that were being handled before me can be handled by the
 16 federal district court.

17 I did, frankly, raise in my own mind when I
 18 saw the stipulation come in -- or the dismissal order
 19 come in -- why was it with prejudice, but then I
 20 without thinking more of it said well, the prior
 21 stipulation was retaining all claims and rights of each
 22 party against the other for whatever that meant. I
 23 should have given it more thought and I should have
 24 given it -- probably should have invited the parties
 25 back although the one gentleman did not show up in the
 first place -- to get a better understanding.

O'Meara - Argument

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1 And my error, frankly, was in believing that
 2 this case, these issues would be handled elsewhere.
 3 That being the case, I'll hear you.

4 MR. O'MEARA: Judge, on behalf of the
 5 plaintiffs there's not much more to add there. The
 6 procedural history of this case is very involved, much
 7 more involved than it should be. I wish I was involved
 8 a long time ago, but I wasn't, so I can't do much about
 9 it at this point.

10 But the key thing is both parties have claims
 11 against each other. Ironically enough one's a
 12 subcontractor and one's a general contractor. My
 13 client's the general contractor. Ironically enough
 14 after all this litigation there was actually an
 15 arbitration clause in the contract between the parties.

16 THE COURT: And eventually you start looking
 17 at that but apparently someone didn't like the
 18 arbitrators or whatever happened, it didn't happen.

19 MR. O'MEARA: Right, Your Honor. And so, you
 20 know, it's been in federal court in Delaware, in this
 21 court, in arbitration, it's been all over the place,
 22 but --

23 THE COURT: The original federal court case
 24 was dismissed as well, wasn't it?

25 MR. O'MEARA: Yes. The same way -- the same

O'Meara - Argument

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1 stipulation as the stipulation entered in this case in
 2 2004.

3 THE COURT: Yeah, and that stipulation said
 4 with prejudice as well. So how did Ward get to raise
 5 their claims again if they had dismissed with prejudice
 6 as well, and then the 2004 case just had the -- I guess
 7 the bonding company as the defendant here, so maybe
 8 that didn't attach to Ward, I'm not sure. But how'd
 9 you get to where you are?

10 MR. O'MEARA: Judge, I couldn't begin to
 11 explain. When I was going through this --

12 THE COURT: I mean four different suits,
 13 arbitration --

14 MR. O'MEARA: It should just be one place --

15 THE COURT: And are you any further along in
 16 resolving this matter?

17 MR. O'MEARA: Not really, Judge, but at least
 18 since I've been involved I've told Mr. Hilser we will
 19 stay in federal court in Delaware, let's get our issues
 20 resolved there once and for all. That's what led to
 21 this. They object to us raising a counterclaim in
 22 Delaware. The way we did base the counterclaim there's
 23 a motion pending -- this thing where defendant's saying
 24 hey, res judicata, Judge Meloni dismissed this case
 25 with prejudice. So --

O'Meara - Argument

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1 THE COURT: Everybody blames Judge Louie.

2 MR. O'MEARA: So the federal court in
 3 Delaware probably would be happy to rest on Your
 4 Honor's decision and dismiss it just so it's one less
 5 case for them to deal with. But the bottom line is
 6 both parties have claims against each other. They
 7 ought to be handled somewhere. We're happy to do it in
 8 Delaware, but in order to do that we have to have the
 9 December order vacated so that our claim is pending.
 10 Therefore, --

11 THE COURT: Well, assuming I vacate my
 12 December order, which you know, frankly, I'm inclined
 13 to do, because I was under a different impression. How
 14 do you get past the 2004 order unless you argue that it
 15 did retain, I guess, the right to reinstate your claims
 16 or make your claims against each other. I forget
 17 exactly what it said.

18 MR. O'MEARA: Well, Judge, I guess the same
 19 language is in the dismissal for the 2004 New Jersey
 20 case as it was for the prior federal court case in
 21 Delaware. So if it -- if the 2004 stipulation and
 22 dismissal operates to deny the both parties their
 23 claims, then the same thing would apply in Delaware.
 24 Nobody would have any claims to submit anywhere. All
 25 the claims would be dismissed by everybody.

O'Meara - Argument

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1 So it's clearly what was intended at the time
 2 with the 2004 case here was dismissed was the parties
 3 were going to go to arbitration. That was the idea.
 4 Frankly, I think what should have happened should have
 5 been a dismissal without prejudice and the parties
 6 intended to go to arbitration, but in any event it was
 7 worded the way it was at the time, so be it.

8 But it was clear from the history, I think,
 9 the parties weren't really giving -- they weren't --
 10 they hadn't resolved their dispute. They were just
 11 going to go to arbitration. That's why the federal
 12 court case in Delaware was dismissed. That's why the
 13 2004 case here was dismissed. Then they went to
 14 arbitration and they couldn't figure that out and then
 15 other litigation ensued.

16 But it has to be -- both parties have to be
 17 able to submit their claims somewhere. We're happy to
 18 do it in Delaware, but we have to -- we need relief
 19 from Your Honor's prior order in order to do that.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 MR. HILSER: Well, Your Honor, I think
 22 actually you got it right the first time, obviously.
 23 The order that was entered in 2004 was a mistake and
 24 the rules provide how you obtain relief from a mistake.
 25 And 4:50 provides that you file a motion within one

Hilser - Argument

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1 year of the order being entered. And that didn't
 2 happen here. So I think as a legal matter you got it
 3 correct in ruling that the action should have been
 4 dismissed with prejudice.

5 Now I understand the issues that are being
 6 raised here. As I look at this from a legal
 7 standpoint, the only way that the order can be vacated
 8 is if the Court invokes its equity. As a matter of
 9 equity says it's unfair to give both of those orders
 10 prospective effect. And the only thing I would ask
 11 Your Honor as you're inclined to do that is that you
 12 compensate Ward for the money that it expended in
 13 reliance upon that order. Ward did not create the
 14 mistakes to have this order in place. That's at the
 15 feet of Wu. So I would ask the Court to enter an order
 16 requirement to compensate for attorney's fees.

17 THE COURT: For what?

18 MR. HILSER: The attorney's fees it expended
 19 in reliance upon the order.

20 THE COURT: It's pretty general, but if I --
 21 let me --

22 MR. HILSER: Well, we have defended a motion
 23 to open the 2004 action. We have spent the money
 24 defending this action.

25 THE COURT: The 2004 in Delaware?

Hilser / O'Meara - Argument

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1 MR. HILSER: No, this 2004. There was
 2 another motion filed by Wu and Associates before Judge
 3 Freeman to open the 2004 order.

4 THE COURT: When was --

5 MR. HILSER: That was -- that was filed -- I
 6 guess it was about three weeks ago.

7 MR. O'MEARA: I think it was more than that,
 8 Your Honor. That was before I was involved. And I'm
 9 not handling that motion, but --

10 THE COURT: So there's another case pending
 11 here on the 2004 order?

12 MR. HILSER: Yes, a motion to reinstate the
 13 2004 complaint.

14 MR. O'MEARA: And, Judge, I would -- I would
 15 instruct counsel the whole idea is obviously just a one
 16 place somewhere. I would instruct counsel -- the other
 17 counsel for Wu to withdraw that motion if Your Honor
 18 grants this motion. The whole idea was Wu should be
 19 entitled to dismiss somewhere.

20 THE COURT: My feeling is this. My feeling
 21 is that you all got to be in the same ball park
 22 somewhere resolving these issues. I think that is
 23 equity. And our system favors the resolution of
 24 disputes after a full opportunity to do that. And I
 25 don't see this happening here. The -- it seems to me

Hilser / O'Meara - Argument

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1 that I have to vacate my prior order because I thought
 2 that the reason I was doing that is that it was
 3 redundant to the Delaware action. Apparently --

4 MR. HILSER: And Your Honor, I don't mean to
 5 interrupt, I'm simply saying that as a matter of equity
 6 I understand your decision to do so. But as a matter
 7 of equity that 2007 order was not -- they didn't move
 8 for reconsideration of it. They did not timely appeal
 9 it. Ward justifiably relied upon that order and
 10 expended these fees in defending these motions and it
 11 should not be on Ward to incur these costs for what is
 12 Wu's mistake.

13 MR. O'MEARA: Well, Judge, it wasn't Wu's
 14 mistake. Ward was fully aware that the prior claims
 15 were dismissed with the express understanding that both
 16 parties would be able to assert their rights later.
 17 The December order was entered because Ward did not
 18 disclose to the Court the stipulation and dismissal for
 19 the 2004 case said expressly reserved all rights. But
 20 that stipulation wasn't given to the Court and also,
 21 Your Honor, the colloquy between counsel for Ward and
 22 Your Honor on December 7th made clear Your Honor's
 23 believed that this case was redundant and counsel did
 24 nothing -- and counsel agreed with that.

25 Unfortunately, then counsel for Wu was not

Colloquy

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1 here, so that was -- confusion, but they had the facts
 2 with them. I mean they didn't tell Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right, well this is -- I
 4 don't want to get into that, okay? Because, you know,
 5 you're going to get into I grant everything, I do
 6 understand the situation. I was here. I know what I
 7 thought and I'm going to end it at that. But it seems
 8 to me that I am going to grant the motion for the
 9 reason I stated. The 2004 matter is still available,
 10 but I don't think it should --

11 MR. O'MEARA: That will be dismissed, Your
 12 Honor. We'll --

13 THE COURT: All right, well somebody better
 14 take care of it because I don't -- or I should hear it.

15 MR. O'MEARA: We'll take care of that, Judge.

16 THE COURT: We shouldn't have two judges
 17 hearing this matter. If I would have known that
 18 before, I would have found a way to give this to him so
 19 I wouldn't have had to read all this stuff. Is the
 20 intention of the parties in light of my decision to
 21 proceed now in Delaware?

22 MR. O'MEARA: Yes, Your Honor.

23 MR. HILSER: Your Honor, we still have this
 24 motion pending. As I indicated your order is vacating
 25 your 2007 order. I understand that. There is -- I

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1 still think as a legally correct matter --

2 THE COURT: You're going to make an
 3 application? All right, well this is what I'm going to
 4 do. It's not part of this motion and what I would --
 5 you can make your application as you would on any other
 6 motion, with a certification, and I'll give Wu an
 7 opportunity to respond.

8 MR. HILSER: Application for fees you're
 9 saying?

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 MR. HILSER: Okay.

12 THE COURT: All right.

13 MR. HILSER: Very good.

14 THE COURT: I don't think it would fair for
 15 me not to give an opportunity to respond and not to see
 16 exactly what it is that you're looking at.

17 MR. HILSER: In terms of the fees expended in
 18 reliance on the order.

19 THE COURT: Yeah, I want you to make your
 20 argument for attorney's fees and tell me the basis for
 21 your argument and what you think you're entitled to on
 22 -- just like a regular motion, and I'll give plaintiff
 23 an opportunity to respond. Then I'll decide. All
 24 right?

25 MR. HILSER: Okay, now I would throw out

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1 there that Ward would be willing to, I guess, allow --
 2 not seek the 2004 enforcement. It's 2004 dismissal
 3 with prejudice if those fees were to be re-compensated.

4 THE COURT: Well, maybe that's consideration
 5 for Wu to -- how much is in controversy here? This was
 6 a contractor and subcontractor.

7 MR. HILSER: Yeah, it's about --

8 THE COURT: Because you probably spent a half
 9 million dollars in fees.

10 MR. HILSER: Well, actually the -- we're
 11 looking at damages on the project in the \$300,000 range
 12 and then disruption of business for about a half a
 13 million.

14 THE COURT: All right, I have a form of order
 15 here somewhere, right?

16 MR. O'MEARA: Yes, you do, Judge. Thank you
 17 very much.

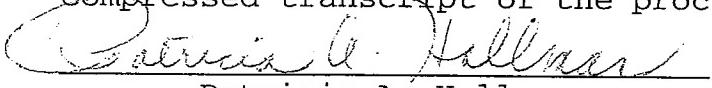
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